

Mrs. Mary Merritt of Wilmington is visiting her nephew, Mr. A. C. Johnson.

Mr. H. B. Billingsly is putting up an additional warehouse for the Heath-Lee Hardware Company.

Mr. J. Henry Richardson, son of Mr. S. S. Richardson, who has been in Florida for sometime, returned home yesterday.

Rev. J. G. Gullege will preach at New Hope Baptist church on the fourth Sunday of this month at 11 o'clock.

Mr. G. R. Mullis, who has been over the county a good deal, says that the small grain crop is unusually fine at this time.

Mr. W. F. Helms and Miss Jennie Helms of Raywood were married on the 8th, Esq. S. A. Helms officiating.

Mr. J. S. Howard of Poortith, who was in town last week, says that farm labor of all kinds is now more scarce than he ever knew it before.

Mr. J. G. Barton went to Lancaster Saturday to attend an old soldiers' reunion. The Daughters of the Confederacy presented each veteran with a cross of honor.

Mr. Joe Broom had the misfortune of getting his hand caught in the planer at Shute's mill Thursday and badly mangled. Drs. Monroe and Stewart dressed the wound.

Mr. Bonner Stewart, who, it will be remembered, has been very sick, went to Sanford last week to spend some time at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. W. A. Monroe. He stood the trip well, and it is thought will receive benefits from his stay.

The Legislature appointed the following magistrates for this county: Sandy Ridge, G. W. Sutton, H. L. Price; Vandy, J. E. Brown, W. D. Hasfield; New Salem, M. C. Austin, W. H. Brooks; Lanes Creek, J. J. Cox; Jackson, Henry McWhorter.

Mr. W. A. Ingram of Plains was in town Saturday offering for sale several hundred pounds of pork which he is going to get from his big hog this week. It will weigh between 500 and 600. He engaged several lots and bought cans to hold the remainder, which he will put into lard.

Dr. J. C. Rowe will preach in Central church Saturday of this week at eleven o'clock, and Sunday morning and evening, and will hold quarterly conference on Monday night. In announcing the appointments Sunday Rev. Mr. Smith said: "We always expect good preaching when Dr. Rowe has an appointment."

The Legislature changed the law in regard to the election of county boards of education, so that they are now appointed by the General Assembly itself. Boards for the whole State were appointed. The new board for this county, to go in office the second Monday in July, are Messrs. F. B. Ashcraft, J. N. Price and J. W. Bivens.

In the list of new books in the public library there is the "Little Men Series," by Louisa M. Alcott. This is the second set of these books which has been purchased since the library was established, the first set having been entirely worn out by constant reading. It is pleasant to think that such wholesome literature is popular with the young people of Monroe.

We call attention to the savings feature in the advertisement of the Savings, Loan and Trust Company. The company will take on deposit any amount however small, pay four per cent. interest, and compound it quarterly. There is nothing so good as a savings bank to encourage habits of economy and saving. It is especially valuable for children. Let the young ones have a bank book and a bank account and they will take pride in keeping their money rather than throwing it away.

Dr. J. E. Ashcraft left Saturday night for Atlanta, where he will permanently take up the practice of medicine. It is very genuine regret that hundreds of our people feel at seeing Dr. Ashcraft leave. Standing high in his profession, as he does, he has also endeared himself to those whom he has served professionally by an affable manner and a real worth outside of the profession, and in every way he will be missed. His family will remain in Monroe for the present.

Monroe is not the only town that is booked for a lively spring contest over municipal elections. Charlotte, ever noted for its strenuous local political battles, is already being painted red. Mayor P. M. Brown, a regular democrat in the local Charlotte sense, is a candidate for re-election, and Mr. T. S. Franklin is running "agin" him as an independent candidate who will not go into the primary, there being the usual fuss as to who are entitled or not entitled to vote therein.

The board of education had a special meeting yesterday to consider the matter of consolidating several school districts in Vance township at Indian Trail. The Indian Trail, Pinhook and Conder beats were united. The citizens about Indian Trail are going to put up a nice large house at their own expense and expect to have a good school. The building and equipment will cost nearly \$1,000, which speaks well for the neighborhood. Messrs. I. D. Boyd, J. T. Tomberlin, J. I. Orr, D. J. Henby, S. H. Crowell, J. M. Harkey and others were down yesterday to advocate the cause.

Starnes Bros. will open a blacksmith shop in the rear of Heath-Lee Hardware Co.'s store in a few days.

Messrs. E. C. Griffin of Marshville and Wilson Griffin of Monroe returned from Kansas City Saturday night, where they went to buy stock.

Mr. S. E. Bekk, accompanied by Dr. J. B. Edbanks, left last night for Baltimore, where she goes to be treated in Dr. Kelly's private hospital.

Mr. J. McCallum Price of Sandy Ridge was in town Saturday and expressed himself as highly pleased with the county's new bird law. He says that the birds were being fast exterminated in his section.

The students of Waxhaw Institute have unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That the thanks of Institute are due the Seaboard Air Line Railway and Mr. Carnegie for the use of two libraries from the S. A. L. free traveling library system."

On Feb. 17 there appeared in The Journal an account of the stealing from Mr. Ervin Phifer, who lives near Wingate, about \$100, a pistol and other articles. The robbery occurred on the 12th of February, the thief taking the articles from Mr. Phifer's house. Either his conscience or his fears got the better of the rogue, for a few mornings ago Mr. Phifer found all the money but \$12 lying on his front porch.

Several months ago Mr. Neil Redfern lost a watch from Mr. H. Smith's shop. Last week he got on the track of it and policeman Howie found it in the possession of Ben Houston, a darkey who keeps a small restaurant on east Franklin street. Ben said he got it from "Buddy" Trull, a little coon who used to stay at Mr. Smith's shop. Buddy said that while he was at Mr. Smith's he asked him if he couldn't "get him up a watch up there," and he got this one up and let Ben have it and boarded out the price at Ben's restaurant. Ben is under bond; but "Buddy" is too young to be prosecuted.

Prof. Brooks Resigns. Prof. E. C. Brooks has resigned from the superintendency of the Monroe Graded Schools and accepted a position as assistant to Prof. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The resignation was received by the board of trustees on Wednesday. Prof. Brooks will continue in charge of the schools until June, but during May he will be allowed a week's absence to spend in Raleigh. In return for this concession he is to come to Monroe next fall at the opening of school and spend a week in aiding the new principal.

It is a matter of regret that Prof. Brooks is to leave Monroe. For the three years he has been here he has shown himself to be a most competent and thorough school man, and with the aid of the trustees, has given Monroe a school of which she is very proud. But he goes to a larger field of usefulness, and no man should refuse to go where he can do his best service. In his new position Prof. Brooks will have charge of the work of collecting information, direct from every county in the State, upon which the loans for building school houses will be made out of the \$200,000 fund provided by the Legislature for that purpose. For this the State pays \$1,000. In addition to this he will have charge of the summer work of the Southern educational board, work which he did last year, and receive for it \$500, making a total yearly salary of \$1,500. Prof. Brooks will be of great service in this work and we congratulate Prof. Joyner upon his appointment.

The trustees of the schools do not know who Prof. Brooks' successor will be. Hudson Armfield. Mr. Sam H. Hudson and Miss Lina Armfield, daughter of Mr. E. A. Armfield, were married in the parlor of the Methodist church last Thursday night at eight o'clock. Rev. M. A. Smith officiated. The marriage was a very quiet affair and only the following persons were present: Mrs. E. A. Armfield, Miss Annie Smith, Miss Wilma Armfield, Messrs. Wriston Lee, Easley and Davis Armfield, Walter Laney and Gus Henderson.

The bride and groom are well-liked young people. Mr. Hudson is a young man of splendid habits, strict integrity and close application to business. Mrs. Hudson is very popular amongst a large circle of friends, and altogether the young couple have the best wishes of all who know them for a happy, useful and prosperous life. They are boarding with Mr. Hudson's mother, Mrs. D. McKenzie.

Weekly Services. Central Methodist church will hold services as follows: Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. The 2nd quarterly meeting will embrace Saturday and Sunday next. Dr. J. C. Rowe, P. E. will preach on Saturday at 11 a. m., Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Public in general, and visitors in particular, cordially invited to all services. M. A. SMITH, Pastor.

First Grade Watch Repairing. W. S. Krauss is doing some of the finest watch work that was ever done in Monroe. If you have anything in his line that needs repairing it will pay you to see him before you have it done. Prices reasonable. All work guaranteed.

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JUDGE ALLEN'S FINE CHARGE.

The Practical Suggestions Made to the Grand Jury Worthy of Serious Reflection—The Two Great Sources of Crime are Neglected Childhood and the Whiskey Traffic.

The Superior Court of Union county for the trial of criminal cases opened yesterday morning with Judge O. H. Allen on the bench. The first business was the drawing of the grand jury from the list of those summoned to serve as grand and petit jurors. The drawing is required by law to be done by a child. For this purpose Sheriff Horn had provided little Joe Russell, son of Mr. N. G. Russell. The following names were drawn and these gentlemen compose the grand jury: J. A. Bennett, J. C. Blakeney, N. W. Bivens, W. R. Campbell, J. R. Griffin, Walter B. Griffin, John Griffith, J. S. Howie, R. W. Helms, R. E. Krimmering, J. F. Moore, John D. Plyler, N. A. Ross, R. W. Stegall, T. C. Stewart, Will Stephenson, H. M. Stegall, J. C. Smith.

Mr. J. C. Smith of Monroe is foreman, and Mr. T. M. Green of Marshville township is the officer in charge. While the solemn oath administered to the foreman and the other jurors by Clerk Armfield has been heard thousands of times in court rooms, it makes good reading for the public, and it is here appended in full:

"You, as foreman of this grand inquest for the body of this county, shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given you in charge; the State's counsel, you shall keep secret; you shall present no one for envy, hatred or malice; neither shall you leave any one unpresented for fear, favor or affection; reward, or the hope of reward; but you shall present all things truly, as they come to your knowledge, according to the best of your understanding; so help you God."

"The same oath your foreman hath taken on his part, you and each of you shall well and truly observe and keep on your part; so help you God."

When the oath had been administered Judge Allen began to talk to the grand jury, which talk is known in legal parlance as a "charge." The Judge's remarks were so sensible, so timely and thoughtful that they should be printed in full, but only a synopsis can be given. The charge was not the ordinary one of mere repetition of the catalogue of offenses of which a grand jury should take cognizance, but an elaboration of the principle upon which the jury system rests, and through the whole there ran the ever-recurring argument that the people themselves are the government and the supporters of law and order, that law will be made and enforced as the people will it, but that there was far too great a tendency among the people now to neglect their public duties, and that with that neglect must come multiplying evils. In part he said:

"We cannot hold our jury system up to too high a standard, and it is very important that we understand and appreciate the system. Ours is a popular government and the people should never neglect their institutions. It is a great mistake for good men to try to avoid jury service. No man should do so unless absolutely necessary. It educates our people and emphasizes the principle that no man can be punished unless he has been tried by a jury of his fellowmen. The danger is that we get our minds diverted on private affairs or in the mad rush for gain and gradually neglect and forget our fundamental principles. I take no stock in the idea that the judge or any small number of men should take the place of the jury. I believe that juries make as few mistakes as any other set of men."

"You have taken an oath that you will keep secret the work done in the grand jury room. The purpose of secrecy is that you may more easily do your duty and have absolute freedom in your actions. No man dares approach you to suggest or to tell you what to do, and it ought to be clearly understood that any attempt to approach a grand or petit juror is contempt of court."

"Under your oath you must present any crime that you know of even if it is in your own families. You are not compelled to present yourself or your wife, but all others. So a man being liable for duty on the grand jury cannot afford to know of crime unless he is prepared to tell it. Be jealous of your rights and don't let them slip away. I shall charge you particularly in relation to only four classes of crime."

"1. Crimes against children. Learned men who have made a study of criminology tell us that three-fourths of all the crime committed has for its first cause neglected and abandoned children. One of the principal ones is fornication and adultery. This is going on in your county. Some of you must know of cases. The unfortunate children are to be pitied. Search out crime that bears against children, or if you know of children in need of guardians, or children who have no property but should be cared for, let it be known."

"2. The whiskey traffic. It is said that 85 per cent. of the crimes come from the influence, direct or indirect, of whiskey. Of course, the neglected children come from this class. A jailer in a certain county in North Carolina kept a record for fifteen years and found that 90 per cent. of the people who came under his charge came by reason of whiskey. It is not unusual to find an entire docket of the court taken up with crimes growing out of whiskey. Whiskey cannot now be sold in your county legally. If it is being sold search

out the violators of the law and punish them. These blind tigers that exist should be broken up. If any one of you know of one, present the matter. When I was here two or three years ago, an old negro inmate of your county home was running a blind tiger. This was a singular case, for you have one of the very best county homes in the State. I have seen many strange things, but nothing like that. Remember the crimes against children and the evils growing out of the liquor traffic."

"3. Crimes growing out of violence. This evil comes from men in a body acting lawlessly. Be on your guard against lynching. I have a deep sympathy for the persons who suffer the crimes which provoke lynchings, but public violence is dangerous to our own liberties. Public organized violence tends towards the military, and when once this is begun no one knows where it will stop. We should say to the Governor, 'We should say to the Governor, 'We will not allow it. We will catch the criminal, put him in jail and keep him safe and collect evidence to convict him. We will neither injure nor allow him to escape.' It is a mistake to say that we cannot trust the court and the jury—that means that we cannot trust ourselves. Men should stop and take the sober second thought and recollect that they, the people themselves, make the laws. The idea is to get the people themselves to condemn crime. Severe punishment alone will not deter. Punishment and public condemnation must go together. There is a perfect epidemic of crime resulting from carrying concealed weapons. All crimes resulting from violence are dangerous. I believe all that we have to do is to get the people themselves to think. The great mass of the people want to do what is right, but they act upon impulse and don't stop to think."

"4. Crimes growing out of immorality. Under a popular government the people are bound to be a moral people or the government will go to pieces. Public drunkenness, public profanity and the disturbance of religious worship are common offenses. This age has become a gambling one. Men are not satisfied with making money by the usual paths. They want quick and short ways, and so we have gambling in all phases, from the bucket shop down. There is very little difference between gambling and stealing."

"Then you must watch for official misconduct. Investigate the public officials from county commissioners down to magistrates. Every violation of duty by a public official when willful or careless is criminal. Magistrates should not be out looking so much for cases to make money out of, but should be looking out for violators of the law and arrest them on the spot. It is the business of the magistrates and constables to enforce the law in their township. If a magistrate does not report to the clerk of the court the cases which he tries, he is guilty of a misdemeanor; if he collects a fine and does not report it, he is guilty of a felony. Every thing a magistrate does ought to be on file in the clerk's office, and it's your business to investigate. The office of magistrate is very important, and a man can do a great deal of good or a great deal of harm in that office."

NOTICE.

All persons who have purchased mules or horses from me this spring will do me a kindness by calling at my stables at their earliest convenience, as I desire to ascertain what damage, if any, they have sustained by reason of said stock having glanders.

C. C. SIKES.

Wilmington has five candidates for mayor, one of whom is Mr. E. P. Johnson, a brother of Esq. A. C. Johnson of Monroe.

Try Shirley Corn at 10c ts per can. Henderson & Hudson.

Genuine New Orleans Molasses at 75 cents per gallon. Henderson & Hudson.

While sitting at the bedside of a little daughter who had just undergone an operation for spinal trouble, Mr. W. B. Bowden, a well known citizen of Wilmington, fell from his chair and died almost instantly. Death was due to heart failure. Mr. Bowden had recently lost his wife.

Col. E. G. Harrell, formerly a prominent citizen of Raleigh, died in the Philippines several months ago. His body was embalmed and brought home and buried in Raleigh Sunday. He was the son of Rev. W. B. Harrell, who was at one time pastor of the Baptist church in Monroe.

A barrel of nice Cucumber pickles. S. S. Doster.

Solicitor Robinson is representing the violators of the law and punish them.

New Books in the Library.

The following new books have just been added to the Monroe Public Library: Robinson Crusoe (illustrated edition); Defoe; The Crisis, Churchill; The Refugees, Doyle; To Have and to Hold, Johnson; Two Little Confederates, Page; The Burial of the Gens, Page; Right of Way, Parker; Toby Tyler, Otis; Mrs. Stubb's Brother (sequel to Toby Tyler), Otis; Marm Lisa, Wiggins; Wild Animals I Have Known, Thompson; Squirrels and Other Fur Bearing Animals, Burroughs; Jack the Fisherman, Phelps; The Trotty Books, Phelps; Trotty's Wedding, Phelps; Ester Reid, Pansy; Ester Reid Yet Speaking, Pansy; Julia Reid Listening, Pansy; The King's Daughter, Pansy; Wise and Otherwise, Pansy; Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Hegen; Kim, Kipling; Emily Lou, Martin; Fortune of Oliver Horn, Smith; The Virginians, Wister; Little Stories of Married Life, Cutting; Elsie Dinmore, Finlay; Brie a Brae Stories, Harrison; Bride of Lunnermoot, Scott; Kenilworth, Scott; Anne of Geierstein, Scott; Ivanhoe, Scott; Talisman, Scott; Dove in Eagle's Nest, Young; History of American Literature, Wendell; Maid of Malabar Lane, Harr; The Customs, Bulwer Lytton; Last Days of Pompeii, Lytton; Eugene Aram, Bulwer Lytton; Days of Bruce, Aquilari; Jackanapee, Ewing; In Connection With De Willoughby Claims, Burnette; Boys of Greenway Court, Butterworth; Master of Strong Hearts, Brooks; With Perry on Lake Erie, Otis; Stories of Cherokee Hills, Thompson; In Heart of the Rockies, Henty; Boy Emigrant, Brooks; Boy's King Arthur, Lanier; Red Eagle, Eggleston; World Beautiful in Books, Whiting; For Liberty of Texas, Bonehill; Beautiful Joe, Saunders; Letters From Self Made Merchant to His Son, Lorimer; Little Men Series (8 vols.), Alcott.

It appearing that a darkey who had given bond in one case had to go to jail on another one, the Judge asked the prisoner why he hadn't gotten his bondsman to stand for him in the last case, too. "Cause, y'r Honor, he was in jail hisself den."

At the late session of the Legislature the Senate passed a bill abolishing the kissing of the Bible in the court room, but the bill died in the House. Kissing the Bible as it is usually done is not a very pleasant task, but Union county mitigates it as much as possible by having new, clean books, and separate ones for whites and blacks.

The following cases have been disposed of: Ernest Roberts, carrying concealed weapons, 6 months on county roads; Lys Lee, concealed weapons, 2 months on canal; Jim Medlin, jr., assault with deadly weapon, not guilty; Peter Paton, larceny, 12 months; Irvin Staton, larceny, 4 months; John Nichols, concealed weapons, 30 days; Tom Sikes and Amos Jackson, assault with a knife, 3 and 4 months; Mrs. Emma Rape and Arthur Rape, her 11-year-old son, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty; Ode Austin, larceny from person, 4 years on chain gang; Cuba Smith, house breaking, 3 years in jail with leave to hire (Cuba is 12 years old); Anthony Henry, larceny, 4 months; Shell Blakeney, larceny, 12 months.

More Riots.

Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There is nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the Liver or Kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels Nervousness, Rheumatism and Neuralgia and expels Malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by English Drug Co.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the price of one cent a word, cash in advance.

If you want Fire Insurance in first class companies, call or phone 265. Minnie D. Wolfe.

Go to the Star Cafe for a nice lunch or a nice meal at any time of day. K. R. Watkins, Manager.

FOR SALE—Two good mules, cash or on time for good paper. B. D. Austin, Wingate, N. C.

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NEW ICE HOUSE—I have opened an ice house in the place formerly occupied by Cadieu and Wallace and am prepared to fill your orders promptly. Phone 36. S. C. Walsh.

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Advertisement for Lee & Lee. Includes text: "LEE & LEE, THE LEADING DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, HAT AND SHOE STORE IN MONROE." "Headquarters for Gents' Clothing." "Spring and Summer line now ready. Also youths' and boys' new cuts and weaves. Neckwear, all the colors of the rainbow." "Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!" "For men, women and children. See all lines HERE before you buy ANYWHERE." "Lee & Lee."

Advertisement for A. Levy and Mrs. A. Levy. Includes text: "A. LEVY. MRS. A. LEVY." "Who Will Lead This Spring?" "Why A. Levy, of course. He always does. If you will notice the great work going on at his store you will see that he is opening up the finest stock of Dry Goods, Clothing and Millinery ever brought to Monroe. He has just come back from the big Northern markets and his goods are now rolling in on every train. The ladies in town and country are invited to come in and inspect our fine lines of dry goods and millinery, all that the prettiest material and the most skillful fingers can do for you. And as for clothing everybody knows that Levy's 'High Art Clothing' is the best for fit and wear sold in America to-day. All that our friends and customers need to do to get suited with the best goods and carry off the finest bargains in any of our lines of goods is to come to our store." "A. LEVY. MRS. A. LEVY."

Advertisement for The Riding Cultivator. Includes text: "The Riding Cultivator" "is a necessity to the up-to-date farmer and market gardener, and our cultivators have fully proved their superior qualities. They are easily adjusted to varying depths, and are the most efficient for bringing crops to the best state of cultivation. No farmer should be without one. The season for the great work of Soil Cultivation is now upon the farmer. Our business is to help you to make your work more profitable and easier. We study the needs of our own farmers and cater to their necessities. Our farmers are yearly becoming more scientific and it is our business and pleasure to satisfy their needs. Come to see our Improved Farm Machinery of every kind. (We take pleasure in showing and explaining its qualities.) The Heath-Lee Hardware Co."